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BOARD APPROVES TESTING WINDOW EXTENSION, NONRESIDENT DECISION

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Tuesday, the Kentucky Board of Education took action and heard presentations on a number of items.

The board approved a plan extending the testing window for spring statewide testing, enabling school districts to recover instructional days lost to illness outbreaks and inclement weather. Under the extension, districts may choose among four Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT) testing window options: April 19-30; April 26-May 7; May 3-14; and May 10-21. Kentucky has been granted a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to delay public reporting of test results and to waive the federally required 14-day notice to school districts of the public choice option and notice of school choice under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

The board agreed to amend Education Commissioner Terry Holliday's decision related to the lack of a nonresident student agreement between the Corbin Independent and Knox County school districts. In March, Holliday issued a decision pursuant to KRS 157.350 (4), which provides for the appeal of nonresident student agreements between districts. That decision was appealed to the Kentucky Board of Education by the Corbin Board of Education.

The amendment to the decision would enable the siblings of current nonresident students enrolled in Corbin Independent from Knox County to also enroll as nonresidents in the 2010-11 school year.

Holliday's original decision indicated that:

1. The 2010-11 nonresident student agreement between the Corbin Independent and Knox County school districts shall include all of those nonresident students currently attending either district pursuant to the 2009-10 nonresident student agreement between the districts. No additional nonresident students shall be enrolled under the nonresident contract (with SEEK funds allocated for the students) by either district for the 2010-11 school year. Nonresident students not currently enrolled in either district may be enrolled in the nonresident district if the receiving district agrees and if established tuition payments are enforced by the receiving district.
2. The superintendents of both districts and the chairs and vice-chairs of both respective boards of education shall participate in a formal mediation of this issue in preparation for the 2011-12 nonresident student agreement. The costs of the mediation shall be equally shared by each school district. The parties shall mutually agree and select a mediator from a list of mediators attached to this letter. The mediators on the list have been selected based upon the following:
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- 1) listing on the Administrative Office of the Courts Mediator Roster
- 2) status as a retired/former judge in the Commonwealth
- 3) residence in an area other than that of the vicinity of Corbin/Knox County, Kentucky

The initial mediation shall occur on or before September 1, 2010.

The board approved the Statements of Commitment required for Kentucky to join the Partnership for Next Generation Learning (NxGL Partnership) and committed to supporting the P20 Innovation Labs of the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University.

The board voted to proceed with the removal of Breathitt County Board of Education member Kelly Noble as provided in KRS 156.132 and based on the findings of the Transportation Cabinet's inspector general.

The board took the following actions:

- gave final approval to 704 KAR 3:540, the state regulation that requires the use of uniform academic course codes
- reappointed Denishia Martin, a teacher at Warren County High School, to the State Textbook Commission
- reappointed Natalie Bolton, director of the Office of Civic Education and Engagement in the University of Louisville's College of Education and Human Development
- granted a waiver of state regulation 704 KAR 3:345 (Evaluation Guidelines) for evaluation pilot districts during the 2010-11 school year
- approved district facility plans for Green, Hart and Logan County
- approved district facility plan amendments for Clay County and Cloverport Independent
- approved 2009-10 local district working budgets
- approved the 2009 Report, 2009 Exceptions and 2010 Plan for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of district board members

The board heard presentations on a variety of items:

- state regulation 704 KAR 3:303, Required Core Academic Standards
- 2010 elementary and secondary legislation
- expansion of schools participating in AdvanceKentucky
- Unified College and Career Readiness Plan
- Senate Bill 1 (2009) work
- state regulation 702 KAR 5:110, Reimbursement for vocational pupils

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9 and 10 in Frankfort.

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